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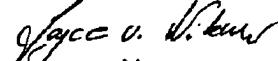
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MATERNAL PERIPHERAL BLOOD**

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

In response to the Office's interview summary dated November 24, 2004 and the interview of September 15, 2004, applicant submits herewith the Memorandum of Interview appearing on page 2 of this submission. Entry into the record is respectfully submitted.

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

A telephone interview was conducted on September 15, 2004 between applicant's representative and Examiner Afremova concerning declarations that were submitted with the last response on June 30, 2004. In particular, further potential improvements of the two declarations submitted on June 30, 2004 were outlined based on drafts provided to Examiner Afremova on September 15, 2004. Applicant's representative also stated her intention to file the supplemental amendment clarifying the claims as discussed on September 8, 2004 to further the prosecution of the application. This supplemental amendment was submitted to the Office on September 16, 2004 and memorizes the telephone interview of September 8, 2004.

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